# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, Head Start promotes school readiness for children by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development in a learning environment that supports children's growth in language, literacy, mathematics, science, social and emotional functioning, creative arts, physical skills, and approaches to learning; and,

***Whereas***, Approximately 5,800 children and their families are served annually by South Dakota Head Start programs; and,

***Whereas***, Head Start is a child-centered, family-focused, comprehensive, and community-based service designed to address developmental goals for children, employment and self-sufficiency goals for adults, and support for parents in their work and child-caring roles; and,

***Whereas***, Over 1,200 Head Start staff members have shown a high degree of dedication and commitment to children and families in South Dakota; and,

***Whereas***, Over 9,600 persons provide volunteer services to South Dakota Head Start programs each year; and,

***Whereas***, The state of South Dakota is pleased to recognize the commitment and dedication of the South Dakota Head Start Association for working to create equal opportunities for all Head Start children, families, and programs to succeed:

***Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as

## *HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH*

in South Dakota.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

**Attest:**

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State